

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In Re TERRORIST ATTACKS on) 03 MDL 1570 (RCC)
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001) ECF Case
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This document relates to:

Federal Ins. Co. v. Al Qaida, 03 CV 6978 (RCC)

AFFIDAVIT OF MITCHELL R. BERGER

1. I am a member of the law firm of Patton Boggs LLP, attorneys for Defendant The National Commercial Bank (“NCB”) and am a member of the bar of this Court. I respectfully submit this Affidavit in support of NCB’s motion to dismiss this action. This Affidavit is based upon personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein.

2. NCB has moved to dismiss with prejudice all claims in this action against it for lack of subject matter jurisdiction (FRCP 12(b)(1)), lack of personal jurisdiction (FRCP 12(b)(2)), and failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted (FRCP 12(b)(6)), as more fully set forth in the Memorandum of Law submitted herewith.

3. Plaintiffs’ allegations against NCB, and NCB’s motion to dismiss, in this action raise issues that are essentially identical to those raised in *Burnett et al. v. Al Baraka et al.*, MDL 1570, Case No. 03-CV-9849 (“*Burnett*”) and *Ashton et. al. v. Al Qaida Islamic Army et al.*, MDL 1570, Case No. 02-CV-6977 (“*Ashton*”), which have been consolidated with this action for pre-trial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407. Because of the overlap between the *Burnett*, *Ashton*, and *Federal Insurance* actions, the exhibits supporting NCB’s motion to dismiss in *Burnett* and *Ashton* are attached to this Affidavit and submitted as exhibits in support of NCB’s motion to dismiss this action as well.

4. Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the Declaration of Ambassador Chas. W. Freeman, Jr., dated August 3, 2003, originally submitted in support of NCB’s motion to dismiss in

Burnett, filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on October 14, 2003, Docket Nos. 358, 359.

5. Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the Supplementary Declaration by Ambassador Freeman, dated September 23, 2003, originally submitted in support of NCB's *Burnett* motion to dismiss.

6. Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of the letter from William J. Burns, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State to The Honorable Jim Kolbe, Chairman Sub-Committee on Foreign Operations United State House of Representatives, originally submitted in support of NCB's *Burnett* motion to dismiss.

7. Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of the English translation of the Affidavit of Abdallah Bin Hamad Al-Wohaibi and accompanying exhibits (together with true and correct copies of the Arabic originals of the Affidavit and exhibits), dated August 24, 2003, originally submitted in support of NCB's *Burnett* motion to dismiss.

8. Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of the Declaration of Jorge Juco and accompanying exhibits, dated September 22, 2003, originally submitted in support of NCB's *Burnett* motion to dismiss.

9. Exhibit 6 is a true and correct copy of the English translation of the Supplemental Affidavit of Abdallah Bin Hamad Al-Wohaibi, dated February 15, 2004, together with the Certificate of Accuracy of Translation of Abdulaziz H. Al Fahad, dated March 1, 2004, originally submitted in support of NCB's *Burnett* motion to dismiss.

10. Exhibit 7 is a true and correct copy of the Declaration of Nizar Bin Obaid Madani, dated February 21, 2004, originally submitted in support of NCB's *Burnett* motion to dismiss.

11. Exhibit 8 is a true and correct copy of the RICO Statement Applicable to NCB Entities and accompanying exhibit, MDL Dkt. #354, filed in this action on July 30, 2004.

12. Exhibit 9 is a true and correct copy an Order issued by Mr. Justice Eady of the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division [England], in the matter of *Khalid Salim A Bin Mahfouz v. Jean-Charles Brisard et al.*, No. HQ03X03141, dated July 1, 2004.

13. Exhibit 10 is a true and correct copy of the Affidavit of Abdullah Mohammed Ibrahim Al Sheikh, the Minister of Justice of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, dated March 21, 2004, originally submitted in support of NCB's *Ashton* motion to dismiss.

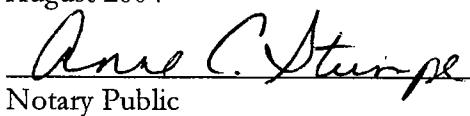
14. Exhibit 11 is a true and correct copy of the Affidavit of Abdullah Mohammed Ibrahim Al Sheikh, the Minister of Justice of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, dated March 21, 2004, originally submitted in support of NCB's *Ashton* motion to dismiss.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum of Law, and in Exhibits 1-11 hereto, NCB respectfully requests that the Court grant its motion to dismiss this action with prejudice, and grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.



Mitchell R. Berger

Sworn to before me this 26th day of
August 2004



Arine C. Stumpe
Notary Public



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Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires 12-14-2006